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1. MHD COORDINATING COMMITTEE MEETING SUCCESSFULLY ENDED 23 JUNE, HAVING DISCUSSED SEVERAL POSSIBILITIES FOR NEW AVENUES OF COOPERATION IN PERIOD 1979 - 1984. RESPECTIVE SIDES NOW PLAN TO DISCUSS THE SUGGESTIONS WITH RESPECTIVE GOVERNMENTS, IN PREPARATION FOR MEETING IN OCTOBER IN US TO OUTLINE PROGRAM OF COOPERATION FOR 1979-1984. MEETING ALSO SERVED TO INTRODUCE US MHD PROGRAM DIRECTOR SHANKLIN TO SOVIET PRINCIPALS IN COOPERATION, AND TO ALLOW TECHNICAL SPECIALISTS FROM BOTH SIDES REVIEW SMOOTHLY RUNNING US COOPERATIVE PROGRAM, WHICH COMPLETED THIRD SERIES OF TEST RUNS.

2. COMMENT: INSTITUTE OF HIGH TEMPERATURES DIRECTOR ACADEMICIAN SHEYNDLIN, MADE SEVERAL REMARKS OF INTEREST
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AT JUNE 23 CEREMONY FOR SIGNING OF MEMORANDUM. SHEYNDLIN UNDERSCORED CONTINUITY OF SUPPORT "FROM TOP LEADERSHIP OF BOTH COUNTRIES" (AND SPECIFICALLY MENTIONING DEPUTY PREMIER KIRILLIN), FOR MHD COOPERATION, WHICH HE TERMED AS AMONG THE HANDFUL OF AREAS WHERE SOVIETS AND AMERICANS ARE NOW GETTING ALONG WELL. SHEYNDLIN, ADDRESSING HIMSELF TO EMBASSY OFFICERS PRESENT, EXPRESS

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HOPE THAT DESPITE OTHER DIFFERENCES MHD WOULD CONTINUE TO PRODUCE MUTUAL BENEFITS. WE BELIEVE SHEYNDLIN'S COMMENTS REFLECT A GENUINE PERSONAL CONCERN OVER THE DIRECTION AND TONE WHICH POLITICAL RELATIONS HAVE TAKEN, AND THAT HE WILL UNDERSCORE, AT LEAST TO HIS FRIEND KIRILLIN, THE HOPE THAT "MHD AND OTHER SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION CAN HELP TO IMPROVE THE BILATERAL POLITICAL CLIMATE." WE FIND IT SIGNIFICANT THAT SHEYNDLIN, ONE OF THE MOST ASTUTE OPERATORS WITHIN THE SOVIET SCIENTIFIC BUREAUCRACY, IS CONCERNED ABOUT THE COURSE OF BILATERAL RELATIONS AND THAT HE CHOSE TO STRESS THIS CONCERN TO US. TOON

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